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Summary Information

Title: Randy Schools and NIH Recreation & Welfare Association (R&W) Papers

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Abstract:

Randy Schools served as president of the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association (R&W) and helped establish three NIH charities, which he continued to serve until his retirement: the Children's Inn at the NIH, Special Love and Camp Fantastic, and the Friends of Patients at the NIH. He was also involved in numerous community organizations, including the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce and the Goodwill Dinner for the Homeless in Montgomery County. He was named a Washingtonian of the Year in 1988. Under his leadership, the R&W developed one of the first employee fitness centers, which became a model for others in the United States.

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Biography

Raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Randy Schools received a B.S. degree from the University of Baltimore, a M.A. at Georgetown University, and a Certificate of Social Enterprise and Nonprofit Management at Harvard Business School. During the Vietnam War, Schools did counterintelligence work in Washington, D.C. After the war, Schools became operations manager at Garfinkel's department store until a heart problem forced him to reexamine his life. He then joined the NIH R&W in 1977.

During his time as R&W manager, and then president, Schools had a profound impact not only on employee welfare, but also on the services that the NIH could provide patients and their families. For example, under his leadership, the R&W developed one of the first employee fitness centers, which became a model for others in the United States. He helped establish Camp Fantastic, a summer camp for children dealing with disease, which hosts around 400 children at any given time and operates nearly 30 programs. He then helped to develop the Friends of the Clinical Center to provide financial assistance to families of patients at the NIH through short-term assistance such as car or house payments. Working with Congressional and industry contacts, Schools helped promote and raised funds for the NIH Children's Inn, which provides housing for families at the NIH for long-term clinical studies.

Schools was active in the local community and was involved in organizations such as the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce. Upon his retirement, many local officials issued proclamations to honor him. He was selected as the Washingtonian of the Year in 1988.

Collection Scope and Content Note

Consists of R&W newsletters, brochures, photographs, and slides on topics such as Camp Fantastic, the Children's Inn, the Federal Interagency Health Fitness Council, festivals, picnics, and other events.

Box List

Box 1

R&W Newsletters

1993 – July - December

1994 – January – December [July missing]

1995 – January – December [Includes April Supplement]

Box 2

R&W Newsletters

1996 – 1998 – Complete; Includes 1996 Supplement

Box 3

R&W Newsletters

1999 – 2001

Box 4

R&W Newsletters

2002 – 2005

Box 5

R&W Newsletters

2006 -2010

2013 – 2014

Box 6

Subject Files; Alphabetical

Bylaws; 1986

Calendars

Camp Fantastic Brochure

Children's Inn at NIH

Election Ballot R&W; 1990 – 1991

Emergency Preparedness; undated

Employee Guidelines; Physical Fitness Participation; undated

Employee Services Program; 1984

Employee Store; undated

Federal Fit Kit Manual; 1987

Federal Interagency Health Fitness Council; 1988 – 1989

Healthline; various dates

Legal Aspects of Preventive and Rehabilitative Exercise Program; undated

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Subject Files; Alphabetical

Other Fitness Programs; undated

Photos – Contact Sheets

Potomac Conference and Correspondence; undated

Promotions Miscellaneous; undated

Resource Guide for Fitness and Health Promotion; 1998

Speeches and reports; undated

Worksite Health Promotion; undated

Box 8

Photos, Alphabetical by Topic

Annual Recognition Days; 2 envelopes

1998; 32 photos

Undated; 31 photos

Awards

1987, June; 6 photos

Awards, undated - Set 1; Set 1

Awards, undated - Set 2; 2 photos

Awards, undated – Set 3; 4 photos

Awards, Annual Meeting, 1990; 1 photo

Bill Branson's CD

Camp Fantastic, Dated

1983; 2 photos

1985, June; 12 photos

1989; 4 photos, BBQ

1988, Feb 8 ; 1 photo, Kids Skiing

1992, May ; 1 photo

World Champs July 1994, 1 photo

1995; 28 photos

Camp Fantastic, Undated

Set 1; 3 photos

Set 2; 2 photos

Swimming; 4 photos Set 3

Horseback Riding; 2 photos Set 4

Camp Fantastic Event; Set 5 29 photos

Camp Fantastic Brochure

Children, Miscellaneous

R&W Picnic; July 1985 1 photo

Children's Inn

Rugrats; undated 32 photos

Groundbreaking; undated 12 photos

Circus

May; 1991 1 photo

June 1988; 1 photo

1995; Set 1, 25 photos

1995; Set 2, 4 photos

1999; Set 3, 46 photos

March 2000; Set 4, 23 photos

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Photos, Alphabetical by Topic

Circus, Undated

Set 1; 39 photos

Set 2; 78 photos (The Greatest Show on Earth)

Set 3; 28 photos

Set 4 (Camp Fantastic); 14 photos

Set 5 March 24 (?); 12 photos

Comcast Film Festival

May 1995; 18 photos

August 1999; 28 photos

2000 (?); 10 photos

2000 (?); background 38 photos

Donations

R&W Theater Group; January 1983 1 photo

R&W Donation; July 16, 1985 1 photo

Jan 28, 1986; 1 photo

June 1989; 2 photos

Lion's Club and Connie Morella; 1991 1 photo

Theater; May 1 1995 2 photos

September 1998; 1 photo

ISO; 1999 1 photo

Little Theater Group; 1993 3 photos

Donations, undated; Set 1 3 photos

Donations, undated; Set 2 8 photos

Events, Dated

Pot Belly Bear; May 1982 10 photos
1985 Campus Presentation, 3 photos
October 1985 Western Day, 7 photos
1986 Picnic Set 1 4 photos
July 29, 1986 Speakers 17 photos
December 1987, 1 photo
October 1989 Fair; 18 photos
1989 Picnic 24 photos
November 1993 Safety Day 9 photos
September 1994 Hot Air Balloon 22 photos
May 1995 Employee Fair 11 photos
October 1995 Costume Halloween 3 photos, 1 album
May 1996 Employee Fair, 29 pictures
August 1998 Fair 1 photo
August 1999 Fair and Picnic 18 photos
May 2001 Fitness Day "Fit to Be..." 45 photos

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Photos, Events Undated

Comcast; Set 1, 27 photos
Employee Fair; Set 2, 7 photos
Employee Fair; Set 3, 16 photos
Formal Ceremony; Set 4, 17 photos
Health Fair; Set 5, 4 photos
"Homeless" Set 6, 7 photos
Picnic; Set 8, 4 photos
Santa; Set 9, 5 photos
Speakers; Set 10, 5 photos
Events, Miscellaneous; undated, 15 photos
Fitness Center
June 17, 1986; 1 photo
Exercise; 1 photo
Undated; 8 photos

Fundraising, Dated

1990 (?); Panda contact sheets, photo, invitation
June 1996; 19 photos
1996; Western Events 8 photos
August 1999 (?) 50 photos Set 1
August 1999 (?) 36 photos Set 2
2000 Football (Redskins)

Fundraising, Undated

“Got Milk;” 2 photos

Fair (Special Love) 31 photos

Membership Service

1995 7 photos

NIH Employee Health Fair

May 1996 2 photos

People, Miscellaneous

Undated 39 photos

Places

Miscellaneous; 5 photos

Building 1; 1991

Campus; 1 photo

Research Triangle Park

Children's Inn (?); 2 photos

Randy Schools 25 photos

R&W Stores

December 17, 1985 Fair 1 photo

May 1996 2 photos

1996 (?) 4 photos

Undated, Set 1 4 photos

Merchandise Set 2 16 photos

Vendors Set 3 2 photos

Store Personnel, Set 4 6 photos

Store opening; 4 photos and 1 contact sheet Set 5

Winter (Santa) Set 6 13 photos

Box 11

Photos-Sports

Baseball

October 1982 6 photos

1983 19 photos

Undated Set 1 13 photos

Undated Set 2 5 photos

Cycling

1982 6 photos

Fitness, Walkers; 1985 9 photos

August 1991, 1 photo

Golf

September 1991 1 photo

1996 10 photos

Undated Set 1 57 photos

Undated Set 2 41 photos

Undated Set 3 45 photos

Pool

May 1996 1 photo

Skiing undated 2 photos

Tennis September 1982 2 photo

Water Sports

1978 8 photos

July 1982 Sailing 2 photos

1990 Sailing 5 photos

Undated 3 photos

Sports Events

1989 4 photos

Competition; undated 8 photos

Cycling; undated 2 photos

Various events; undated 5 photos

Timeline

6 photos plus 1 duplicate set

Toastmasters

August 26, 1986 1 photo

Box 12

Photos, Negatives